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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Karen A. Canella  
Group : 1642  
Applicant : Jurg Tschopp  
Application No.: 09/520,489 Confirmation No.: 1565  
Filed : March 8, 2000  
For : APRIL-A NOVEL PROTEIN WITH GROWTH  
EFFECTS

New York, New York  
February 24, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the September 26, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant petitions herewith for a two (2)-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. With the extension of time, this Response is due by February 26, 2003. A check in the amount of \$410.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

AMENDMENTS

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 36 and 43-45 without prejudice.